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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News contains the Statewide results of the December Cattle on Feed Survey.

This release is sent to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. For more information contact us at nass-id@nass.usda.gov or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,



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Director*

Idaho Cattle on Feed Down 6 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on December 1, totaled 225,000 head, 6 percent below the December 1, 2007 inventory. The cattle on feed inventory was up 15,000 head from November 1, 2008. Placements of cattle in State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during November totaled 65,000 head, up 35 percent from November 2007 placements. Marketings of cattle from feedlots with 1,000 head or more during November totaled 49,000 head, up 7,000 head from the same month a year ago. Other disappearance totaled 1,000 head during November, unchanged from November 2007.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on December 1, 2008. The inventory was 6 percent below December 1, 2007 and 5 percent below December 1, 2006.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 2.02 million, 5 percent below 2007 but 7 percent above 2006. Net placements were 1.95 million head. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 565,000, 600-699 pounds were 630,000, 700-799 pounds were 450,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 370,000. Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.58 million, 9 percent below 2007 and 12 percent below 2006. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of November since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 67,000 during November, 18 percent above 2007 and 19 percent below 2006.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States 2007-2008 ^{1/}

State	December 1, 2007	November 1, 2008	December 1, 2008		
			Number	As % of 2007	As % of November
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	367	362	359	98	99
California	555	500	495	89	99
Colorado	1,070	960	1,010	94	105
Idaho	240	210	225	94	107
Iowa	570	485	500	88	103
Kansas	2,500	2,230	2,310	92	104
Nebraska	2,520	2,310	2,380	94	103
New Mexico	149	172	167	112	97
Oklahoma	345	320	335	97	105
South Dakota	215	200	220	102	110
Texas	3,010	2,710	2,810	93	104
Washington	168	163	169	101	104
Other States	390	350	365	94	104
United States	12,099	10,972	11,345	94	103

^{1/} Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

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